(d) Due to reduced availability of wheat stocks in the Central Pool, high ruling market prices, higher off take, lower procurement levels, and to augment the domestic availablility of wheat as the Government is firmly committed not to compromise in the matter of food security, a decision to import 50 lakh tonnes of wheat was taken.

(e) In order to procure sufficient quantity of wheat to meet the requirements of TPDS and welfare schemes, MSP for wheat in RMS 2007-08 has been fixed at Rs. 750/- per quintal which is Rs. 100/- quintal more than the MSP fixed in RMS 2006-07.

Wheat and rice to orphanages, blind schools and charitable institutions

†1837. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat and rice are provided on lower rates by Government to the orphanages, blind schools and charitable institutions being run by NGOs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have banned the sale of wheat and rice on lower rates to such institutions, situated in Delhi and several other States;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government have received any representation to remove the said ban; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Department of Food and Public Distribution allocates foodgrains under the scheme of 5% BPL to Welfare Institutions to State Governments/ Union Territories, who in turn allocate the same to the orphanages, blind schools and charitable institutions being run by NGOs

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in the country. 5% of the total BPL allocation for the State is earmarked for this scheme.

(c) to (f) No, Sir. However, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution reviewed the allocation made under various food based welfare schemes, and suggested that the same be revised on basis of last 3 years off take figures, as the off take under these schemes was very low. Accordingly the allocation under this scheme (5% of BPL allocation) was revised. A Statement showing monthly allocation for the months of October to December 2006 is given in the Statement.

Statement

Monthly allocation of foodgrains (wheat & rice) at BPL rates for the months of October, November and December, 2006 worked out on the basis of average offtake by the States during the last three years

(Figure in tonnes)

Sl.No.	States/UTs	Rice	Wheat
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5772.26	0.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	15.75	6.75
3.	Assam	4.80	1.59
4.	Bihar	0.00	0.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	118.80	50.92
6.	Delhi	17.45	27.36
7.	Goa	27.60	11.84
8.	Gujarat	278.42	649.64
9.	Haryana	5.92	13.80
10.	Himachal Pradesh	45.14	45.14
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	0.00
12.	Jharkhand	7.78	3.33
13.	Karnataka	1323.20	567.08
14.	Kerala	148.55	63.67
15.	Madhya Pradesh	187.50	437.5

Sl.No.	States/UTs	Rice	Wheat
16.	Maharashtra	629.00	1467.94
17.	Manipur	28.00	12.00
18.	Meghalaya	118.06	0.00
19.	Mizoram	79.44	0.00
20.	Nagaland	104.00	44.61
21.	Orissa	1117.50	0.00
22.	Punjab	1.00	2.06
23.	Rajasthan	12.75	29.75
24.	Sikkim	11.39	0.00
25.	Tamil Nadu	3224.40	0.00
26.	Tripura	56.67	0.00
27.	Uttaranchal	1.53	1.53
28.	Uttar Pradesh	42.58	18.25
29.	West Bengal	188.42	80.75
30.	A & N Islands	4.00	1.83
31.	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00
32.	D&N Haveli	4.60	0.96
33.	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00
34.	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00
35.	Pondicherry	22.55	9.67
	TOTAL :	13599.06	3547.97

Import of oilseeds from Nepal and Sri Lanka

†1838. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of Government policy and import of oilseeds from Nepal and Sri Lanka, the oilseeds industry in the country

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